

Washington, DC- Today Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) issued the following statement after passage of H.R. 4437, the “Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005.” The measure passed by a vote of 239-182.

“As the daughter of immigrants I take great offense that such a mean spirited, anti-immigrant piece of legislation was approved by the House of Representatives. America deserves better than this badly thought out bill. This bill is not about border security or national security. It just provides a false sense of security—failing to respond to the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, leaving our ports of entry exposed, and doing nothing meaningful to fix our broken immigration laws. I hope the Senate will have a more thorough discussion about comprehensive immigration reform—border security PLUS interior enforcement and a path to legalization.”